

### **This Side of the Glass**

in here, warm, dry, safe,  
few discomforts perturb me  
— out there, tempests rage

on nightly news screens  
I watch untold suffering  
through reporters' eyes

bombs strike hospitals,  
hostages in stark terror  
bleed in dark tunnels

poor migrants duped by  
smugglers promising false hope  
die in the desert

from my sheltered perch,  
I glimpse the world's horrors from  
this side of the glass



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